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\$45,000 Remains In E Bond Quota For Person County

Rites Held For Mrs. N. H. James Sunday Afternoon

Roxboro Woman Dies Friday At Home Of Daughter.

Funeral for Mrs. Nola Hobgood James, 69, of Roxboro, whose death occurred late Friday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Robert Long, Charles Street, Roxboro, was held Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at Grace Methodist church by the Rev. C. G. McCarver, with interment in Burwood cemetery. Mrs. James, wife of the late Charles G. James, had been ill with paralysis for eleven days. She was a daughter of the late James and Martha Young Hobgood, of Person County. Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Long, of Portsmouth, Va., and John of Roxboro, four brothers, Logan, Will and John Hobgood, all of Roxboro, H. H. Hobgood, Nashville, Tenn., and one sister, Mrs. Lillian Lee, of Roxboro. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were nephews and flowerbearers were nieces. The body will be taken to the church one hour before the service.

Leopold May Abdicate Throne In Few Days

Hope Of Forming New Government Apparently Fails.

Brussels, Belgium, June 24.—A trusted source close to the Belgian Government said tonight that King Leopold's political maneuvers apparently had failed and that his abdication was likely within a few days. This informant said Leopold's last hope of forming a government was Gauchshof Van Der Mersch, chief military prosecutor of Nazi collaborators, to whom the King had offered the Belgian premiership. Van Der Mersch was said to have gone to Salzburg, Austria, where the King is staying, to give his answer. He was said to hold the view that Leopold must renounce his throne for Belgium's best interests. Paul Van Zeeland, one-time premier and at present high commissioner for repatriation, declined to comment on rumors that he might attempt to mediate the crisis. He indicated concern and commented simply: "I wish the next few weeks were already past."

Highway And Safety Units Under One Head

Hudgins In Roxboro Comes Under Ruling Announced Sunday.

Carrying out in part a recommendation he made in his inaugural address, but which never was acted upon by the 1945 legislature, Governor Cherry has consolidated the state highway patrol and safety divisions under a single head, and left the other state police agencies intact. Only person in Roxboro affected by the change is State Highway Patrolman John Hudgins, who has already been helping local law-enforcement officers when possible. Cherry named Chief of Police Walter F. Anderson, of Charlotte, to head the consolidated patrol and safety division, and renamed T. Boddie Ward as commissioner of the department of motor vehicles. Anderson's salary will be set by the advisory budget commission. The consolidation thus achieved in part a proposal outlined by Cherry in both his campaign and inaugural speeches, in which he recommended that the legislature create a department of state police and public safety, embracing the present highway patrol and safety divisions, bureau of investigation, drivers' license bureau, fingerprint bureau of the state prison system, and possibly other agencies.

July 4th Closing Being Discussed By Merchants Here

July 4, comes on Wednesday this year and in accordance with custom many, if not all, Roxboro mercantile and business houses are expected to close, according to W. Wallace Woods, Roxboro Chamber of Commerce secretary, who said today that he is mailing out to merchants cards of inquiry as to their plans for closing and that absence of replies will constitute a vote for closing for the holiday. Wednesdays, it was pointed out by Mr. Woods, are customary half-holiday closing dates during Summer months. So far as is known, unless the Lester Blackwell Post, American Legion, plans its Gold Star program for that date, there will be no special program in Roxboro on July 4th.

Special Appeal Issued Today By Hunter And Committee.

E Bond purchases of the Seventh War Loan as of today in Person County have reached a total of \$203,000.00 against a quota of \$248,000.00 according to Gordon C. Hunter, district chairman. This leaves a total of \$45,000.00 that is to be bought in Person County. In a percentage figure this means that Person county has gone a little over 81 per cent of the total for E Bonds.

Deadlines for War Bond Purchases That Will Count in the Seventh Loan Is July 4th.

In commenting on the Person County drive Mr. Hunter and the War Loan Committee had the following to say, a special appeal to Person residents: "These boys raised their VICTORY FLAG on Iwo Jima at a total cost of 20,016 casualties. It cost us 35,588 casualties to take Okinawa, another small island. It is another story of supreme effort—the invincible courage which make men dare to achieve great objectives. "Person County has never failed in our War effort. We have made every goal given us, but we are about to fail in our E Bond Quota in the Seventh War Bond Drive. Our Quota is \$248,000.00, the largest we have ever had. We have sold \$203,000.00. We have seen little children open their "piggy-banks" and buy bonds with every penny. In many cases, their Daddys are fighting somewhere "over there."

Person Native Dies, Was Member Of Mormon Church.

Samuel T. Clayton, of Ucon, Idaho, a native of Person County, died June 15, in a hospital at Idaho Falls, Idaho, according to a message received here today. He was about seventy years of age and was a son of the late W. M. and Emily Morris Clayton, of Mill Creek. He had been in ill health for three or four years. In Person County and afterwards in the west he was regarded as a successful farmer. He was an active member of the Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) and the Bishop of his church was at his bedside when death claimed him. Survivors include, his wife, Mrs. Nola Slaughter Clayton, of the home; three sons, Hansford, of Blackfoot, Idaho, Harold, with the U. S. Army, in Austria, and Jack, also in the Army, at Camp Maxie, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. Christine C. Clayton and Mrs. Murie Nicolay, both of Fresno, Calif., and Mrs. Jaunita Banks, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rev. C. E. Stevens To Preach Here

Rev. C. E. Stevens, of Mount Gil-lead, will conduct the annual evangelistic services at Rock Grove Baptist church, beginning on Sunday, July 1, according to the pastor, the Rev. Joe B. Curtin. The Rev. Mr. Stevens will begin preaching on Monday night, July 2, with services each night at eight o'clock. Regular Sunday services will be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Currin.

Masons Meet

Person Lodge No. 112, A. F. and A. M., will meet in regular communication Tuesday night at eight o'clock in the Lodge Hall. All local, visiting brethren are cordially invited, according to J. W. Green, worshipful master, and C. C. Garrett, secretary.

Commissioners Of City Will Meet

City Commissioners will meet Wednesday in an extra session for further consideration of budget matters. Tentative tax rate has not been officially set, but is expected to remain at the present rate of 1.35. Matter of re-election or appointment of city officials may not come up until the July session.

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Summer Has Started

Whether you knew it or not summer officially started on Friday, June 22nd. All of this hot weather that we have been having has been spring weather according to what the calendar says. That being true, and who can deny the calendar, we are now in for some hot weather. Whether we are in for a lot of rain or not this writer does not know.

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New FSA Home Director Arrives

Miss Nettie L. Day, of Oxford, a native of Granville County and formerly a teacher in the public schools, has come to Roxboro to take the position of home supervisor with the Person unit of the Farm Security Administration, it was announced today by J. Y. Blanks, director. Miss Day, who began her work here this morning, succeeds the late Mrs. Florence Jeffress Hamilton, who died several months ago. Miss Day has residence with Mrs. H. M. Beam, Lamar Street. She was for four years a teacher, her position this past year having been in Perquimans county.

Minister Compares Space Given Over To Christian Church

Guest speaker Thursday at Roxboro Rotary Club at Hotel Roxboro for program chairman, the Rev. Daniel Lane, was the Rev. Millard C. Dunn, Methodist minister, of Durham, who drew interesting comparisons between the amount of space in the Encyclopedia Britannica devoted to Christ and Christianity and to leaders of other religions. He emphasized his points by citing the amount of space devoted to certain secular leaders, also, and showed that Christ and the Christian church has, proportionately far more space than all other religions combined. Special guests included Thomas R. Bennett, and Sgt. Harvey Long, The Rev. Mr. Dunn has been here holding a revival for the Rev. Mr. Lane.

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Wake Forest, June 25.—Dr. Needham Y. Gulley, founder and dean emeritus of the Wake Forest law school, died at his home here Sunday after a brief illness. He had celebrated his 90th birthday on June 3. The funeral will be held at the Wake Forest Baptist church at 11 a. m. Tuesday. Rev. Eugene E. Olive, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Wake Forest cemetery.

Along The Way

Lt. E. G. Thompson, formerly of this city, now of Washington, D. C., Coleman King and Captain Bobby Michaels of Roxboro, left here Thursday of last week for Washington. They planned to spend several days at the summer estate of Mr. William Thomas also formerly of this city, who has a nice place on the Chesapeake Bay near Washington. Now all of that is fine, but they did something else. They took Ples Hunt, local colored boy with them to serve as valet. Mr. Thomas is short of help at his home and his guests required the very best of attention so they carried Hunt. The same said Hunt will not have much to do except to get up fairly early and cook breakfast and then serve it to them in bed. Then he will be supposed to clean the house and make the beds and get lunch ready. After that he will have a little while off and then prepare supper and lay out their clothes for the evening. In other words he will be on hand to attend to their every need as these gentlemen of leisure enjoy the blessing of a summer resort.

Oxygen Tent Will Be Purchased Soon For City Hospital

Benefit Dance For Project To Be Given Friday.

Roxboro Exchange club is planning to buy and to give to Community hospital here an oxygen tent it was revealed today by club officials. It is understood, however, that the tent will be transferred to the proposed War Memorial hospital, if and when that building is erected, the transfer to be made on assumption that Community hospital will close whenever the larger institution is able to function. Planned as an aid in fund-raising to purchase the oxygen tent is a benefit dance which will be sponsored here on Friday night, June 29, in Roxboro high school gymnasium in cooperation with members of the Durham club. Dancing will be from nine o'clock that night to one A. M., with music by Jimmy Fuller's twelve piece orchestra from Durham. Committee chairman for the dance program is Arthur H. Rimmer, who is being assisted by V. A. Thomas, T. A. Clayton, L. Roy Jones and Huck Samsbury. The dance will be informal. Members of the club, of which J. H. Lewis is president, will have tickets for sale and it is hoped that attendance will be large. Oxygen tents are valuable in saving lives in severe illnesses but none have been available here. The Exchange Club, formed here about two months ago, is also interested in work with crippled children.

Sgt. J. W. Jacobs Home From Nazi Prison Camp

Sgt. John W. Jacobs, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jacobs, of Roxboro and Longhurst, for four months a prisoner of war in Germany, returned to his home here Saturday night after having been sent to Fort Bragg on his arrival in the United States. Sgt. Jacobs, overseas about ten months, was wounded in action and has the Purple Heart, together with the Infantryman's Combat badge, Tall and blond, with a neatly trimmed mustache which he grew while in a Nazi prison camp, Sgt. Jacobs was with Liggett and Myers Tobacco company, Durham, before he went into service. Last camp in Germany in which he was held was at Hammelburg, according to Sgt. Jacobs, who says that food conditions there were bad, that he lost fifty pounds in weight (Continued on page eight)

Gov. Cherry Cuts Into Ranks Of Special Judges

Raleigh, June 25.—Declaring he "couldn't see any necessity for so many judges during wartime," Governor Cherry on Saturday reduced the number of special Superior judges from six to three, and appointed two to serve in the east and one for emergency duty in the west. Reappointed for two year terms were Judges W. H. S. Burwinn, of Woodland and Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City, both of whom will serve in the eastern judicial district, and Hubert E. Olive, of Davidson, whose activities will be confined to the west. The reduction cut loose from the state's pay roll Special Judges Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton; Jeff D. Johnson, of Clinton, and J. C. Rudisill, of Newton, all of whom had been appointed for two year terms by former Governor J. M. Broughton. Two others, A. Hoyle Johnson and W. H. Clackstock, who received appointments from Broughton, died before their terms expired and were not replaced. Cherry thus reduced by more than half the potential eight judges he could have appointed under terms of a 1941 legislative act which allowed the appointment of two special judges each for the eastern and western sections of the state, with four others authorized in the event they were needed.

Chance Seen To Have Better OPA Weed Ceilings

Washington, June 25.—Recommendations for this season's fluctuated tobacco maximum seasonal average prices were forwarded by the Office of Price Administration today to the War Food Administration for approval, according to a disclosure made by an OPA official who said that publication of this year's ceiling prices on the weed would be made within two weeks. Although the OPA official would not divulge what the seasonal average price would be this year, he did seem confident that "everyone will be satisfied with the price this year." In an effort to get a definite commitment out of the official, this correspondent asked him if the \$2 tolerance provision per hundred-weight would be included in the price program. The official answered promptly that this amount "had been considered," but amended his remark by stating "of course we aren't saying it was recommended." It will take the OPA price recommendations about a week to go to war food and return to the OPA, and another week for the regulations to be printed and distributed, but a newspaper release on the tobacco program will be made public before that time, the OPA official said. In the barely successful effort to defeat the Thomas amendment in the senate, there were concessions to the livestock and textile interests. In the house Representative Folger sponsored an amendment designed to effect a change in OPA policies that hitherto resulted